

City of Greensboro Boards & Commissions

Autonomous Boards

Board of Alcoholic Control (ABC)
Greensboro Housing Authority
Piedmont Triad Regional
Airport Authority
Piedmont Triad Regional
Water Authority
Greensboro/Guilford County
Tourism Development Authority

Quasi-Judicial Boards

Greensboro Board of Adjustment
Greensboro Board of Building Appeals
Greensboro Minimum Housing
Standards Commission
Historic Preservation Commission

Administrative Boards

Firemen's Relief Fund Board
Firemen's Supplemental
Retirement System Board
John Motley Morehead Commission

Legislative & Advisory Boards

County Joint Historic
Properties Commisison
Planning Board
Redevelopment Commission
Zoning Commission

Policy Making & Advisory Boards

Bryan Park Commission
Community Resource Board
Human Relations Commission
Insurance Advisory Commission
Board of Trustees of the
Greensboro Public Library
Parks & Recreation Commission
Greensboro Transit Authority
War Memorial Commission
Commission on the Status of Women



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Citizens Active in City Government



A n Opportunity to Serve

An interesting aspect of city government is the function of boards and commissions, which play an important role in the day-to-day activity of city life. The privilege of serving on one of these boards is not restricted to politicians or city officials, but is open to qualified citizens with a strong interest in serving their community. Serving on a board offers a unique opportunity for meaningful involvement in civic life and a rare opportunity for public service. The responsibility is great, and so are the rewards.

Who May Serve

Although any citizen is eligible to serve on a board or commission, there are some requirements. In most cases, it is necessary to be a resident of the City of Greensboro.

Some boards require members with specific interests or credentials, or members who belong to a specific organization or group. For instance, one appointee made by the Council to the Greensboro/Guilford County Tourism Development Authority must have demonstrated an interest in the arts and related fields. One member of the Board of Plumbing Examiners must be a master plumber.

City officials are specifically prohibited from serving on some boards or commissions; on others, they are expected to serve. In most cases, board members are everyday citizens who have a desire to make a lasting contribution.

A Range of Service

A total of 28 boards and commissions perform a variety of functions and provide a wide range of service to the City Council. Some boards, such as Autonomous and Quasi-Judicial boards, are extremely independent and operate outside the direct control of the Council. Some, such as Examining and Administrative boards, take care of licensing and other specific administrative functions. Others, such as Legislative and Policy Making boards, are strongly advisory in nature and provide the Council with an important source of citizen information and opinion.

In all cases, whether the City Council has created the board and appointed all its members, or whether the City Council has appointed a representative to serve on a larger, regional group, the board and commission members serve as important public aides to City Council.

An Invitation to Serve

If you have a serious interest in serving on a board or commission, you should contact the City Clerk by calling (336) 373-2397.

The Role of Boards

Autonomous Boards

These boards are structured under general laws or local acts of the state. They are self-governing and function independently of any outside control. They report to the City Council and adhere to policies of the City Council that directly affect board responsibilities.

Quasi-Judicial Boards

These boards make findings of fact and conclusions of law in handling appeals that affect provisions of the City Code. They are semi-judicial in that their decisions are subject to review in Superior Court.

Administrative Boards

These boards carry out administrative functions and administer funds for fulfilling the objectives of an organization.

Legislative Boards

These boards enact special policies or ordinances and make decisions concerning meeting legal standards. For example, with five affirmative votes, the Zoning Commission may adopt an ordinance rezoning property.

Policy Making & Advisory Boards

These boards develop short and long range goals and make recommendations to the City Council. They will administer the Council policies within their respective areas of responsibility. In their advisory capacity, the boards act as important sources of citizen information on a variety of activities that affect the city and residents.